

# HOUSE BILL 1444

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By: **Delegates Valderrama, Barkley, Davis, Feldman, and Walker**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages Sales – Prohibition on Use of Self-Scanning Cash**  
3 **Registers**

4 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor for a retail alcoholic beverages licensee  
5 to sell alcoholic beverages by means of a self-scanning cash register or a certain  
6 other automated system that may be operated on a self-service basis by a  
7 customer; providing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the retail sale  
8 of alcoholic beverages.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 12–108.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2011 Replacement Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 **12–108.1.**

18 **(A) A RETAIL LICENSEE LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT SELL**  
19 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY MEANS OF A SELF-SCANNING CASH REGISTER OR**  
20 **OTHER AUTOMATED SYSTEM THAT IS:**

21 **(1) CAPABLE OF RECOVERING STORED INFORMATION RELATED**  
22 **TO THE SALE PRICE OF INDIVIDUAL RETAIL ITEMS; AND**

23 **(2) OPERATED ON A SELF-SERVICE BASIS BY A CUSTOMER.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**  
2 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT**  
3 **EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 OR BOTH.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 2012.